



The Director's Report:

I put forth the annual report of 2014-15 and I am glad to share with you our progress, activities and achievements. As always we are striving hard to bring sustainable developmental changes in the community we serve. Individual donors have been our backbone of support and I would like to thank them profusely. It is only because of their support, the beneficiaries have received sustained help from our organization.

Continuing our partnership with the Concern India Foundation we have successfully tapped the employability skills among young women in rural areas, trained them so they become capable to earn for their own living. We have received great appreciation on our awareness camps on relevance of land degradation, desalination and tree plantation. As always we have increased our reach to younger generation and informed them to support the aged while keeping them in the community.

We still feel that lack of concrete baseline data is a major hindrance in designing decentralized projects. We are in the process to take in volunteers for data collection which will help us create a baseline data to develop various developmental activities. Given the need of the hour to have the facts and figures in place we would like to scale up our programs adding epidemiological and baseline surveys into our core program areas.

I would like to thank SAHARA patrons and the governing board members for their unstinted support to all our activities. Their association ensures that a positive and lasting change is possible in our project and program regions. As we get on this journey, with new goals and deeper focus, we invite you to join us in our future endeavors with an ultimate goal of sustainable and happy, healthy life for all.

Many thanks and regards,
Mr.T.N.Balamukund
President
SAHARA

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ABOUT US:

Sahara has been working for the cause of poor and needy for the past twenty six years with the aim to support the underprivileged with an integrated approach for sustainable development.

Mission

To serve the poor and needy in rural areas and urban slums, enabling them to come up in their life.

Vision

Our vision is to implement sustainable solutions for various issues hampering development in a community.

CORE PROGRAM AREAS:

CHILDREN-

*Sponsor a child Program
Child rights initiative*

AGED CARE-

*Sponsor an aged program
Advocacy programs for aged.*

ENVIRONMENT

*Water conservation,
Tree plantation,
Awareness camps on biodiversity,
climate change and pollution.*

CORE PROGRAM AREAS

ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH

*Vocational training and life skill
development programs*

WOMEN:

*Family and career counseling
To empower women*

HEALTH CARE: *Health
and hygiene camps for children,
aged and women,
epidemiological surveys*

ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN:

Vision: To ensure that kids growing up in poverty get proper education and skills

Child Sponsorship: 132 children belonging to vulnerable families, orphan, single parent children, and children from poor families got support in the year 2014-15. They were provided with supplies of nutrition, toiletries, educational material, dresses, tuition fee, supplies for personal and family needs, health care and emergency needs.

Higher Education Sponsorship: 11 poor children were supported to pursue higher education



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Children clubs: Two children clubs were run at Venktraopalli and Hyderabad with a membership of 48 children. The members of children club started identifying children with problems and tried to bring to the notice of Sahara, concern authorities and to their parents. They had weekly get-togethers, sports, games, cultural activities and helping weaker students in education

YOUTH:

Vision:

To ensure youth have an opportunity to acquire necessary life and employability skills so as to create opportunity for themselves and others

Beautician Training was provided to 25 young women and school dropout girls from poor and middle class families in Amberpet, Hyderabad.

Basic Computer training along with Spoken English and life skills was provided to 113 numbers of unemployed youth, school/college dropouts.

Vocational Training courses in Tailoring and Embroidery were continued, so as to help the young women and adolescent girls. 42 candidates at Hyderabad and 30 at Karimnagar got successful training.

Office assistant Training with full-fledged practical knowledge was given to 10 candidates

Free counseling and placement services were provided for the trained candidates including women.



ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:

Vision:

To conserve all life forms, water and soil and ensure a decent place for future generations

Rain Water Recharge & Recycling Model Units were constructed in 6 different villages of Mahabubnagar, Karimnagar, and Nizamabad and Medak districts of Telangana. Created awareness in the community on the importance of saving rain water

Grow more Trees campaign was continued and 2000 saplings were planted at schools, houses and fields. Saplings planted last year were followed up. The responsibility of the care was taken up by the students, youth and women. Regular monitoring was done to encourage survival of the plants and awards were presented to the best care taker.



Environment Awareness on Plastic usage and waste was organized in different schools in Hyderabad and Karimnagar. Awareness was created among students, teachers and mothers to reduce in using plastic carry bags. About 3000 were impacted directly or indirectly with these awareness campaigns. Awareness was also created on increase in cancer cases during these camps and cotton bags were supplied to about 1000 women.

Agri Farm/Orchids: Sahara is maintaining Mango orchards and other fruit bearing trees at its Community centre in Karimnagar district. This centre is being used to educate the farmers and general

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public on the importance of maintaining greenery, vermin compost, organic manure and rain water harvesting and models were made available to the farmers and villagers.

HEALTH:

Vision: To build healthier lives, aware of health seeking behaviors

Monthly Health checkup camps were organized in Amberpet slum areas of Hyderabad for the children, women and aged who are in need of health checkup and medication. Apart from monthly checkup camps, regular health checkups were done for the sponsored children and adopted aged. Identified chronic cases were referred to different hospitals for treatment. More than 1000 were benefited during the year. Awareness on Increase in cancer cases was also brought to the notice of patients during the camps.



On the occasion of Women's day, awareness camp was conducted and women were enlightened about the preventive aspects of gynecological and other metabolic disorders and advised for necessary health checkups.

WOMEN:

Vision: To empower women and enable them to deal with everyday challenges of life

Women's Day Celebration was organized inviting the women in the slum area of Hyderabad. They were enlightened on self reliance, their role in family development. Various fun competitions were conducted as part of the celebrations.



Beautician, Computer/spoken English/life skills, Office Assistant and Vocational Training for young women was imparted. In all 148 got trained

ELDERLY CARE:

Vision: To improve the quality of life of Aged people

Adopt a destitute Aged program was carried out benefiting 45 regularly and 53 with occasional support. The elderly got monthly support in the form of supplies and cash for their livelihood.

World elders Day was celebrated inviting poor and needy Aged living in the community. Special events were organized for them at Hyderabad and Karimnagar on Oct 1, 2014. Games and cultural competitions were organized for the aged and felicitated deserving aged on this occasion. About 150 elderly attended the celebrations.



Awareness on Age care and the quality of life of an aged was generated among the younger generation by conducting awareness talks and campaign by the students of different schools. The message of extending love and concern by one and all was spread by the students of 28 schools. More than 15000 students and participated in the campaign

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 132 children continued school education and did not turn as child labor or school dropouts.
- 45 children were able to maintain nutrition standards and personal hygiene with our supplies.
- 75 of youth started to earn for their living and support their families after our training programs.
- As part of our free placement services, 37 candidates got training and got better jobs for the first time in the field of basic computer operation.
- 2000 no of trees were planted
- Environment awareness has reached more than 10000 people directly and indirectly.
- About 1500 people have directly benefitted by rain water saving and recharge pits and awareness has reached out to population of more than 3000 population.
- About 955 patients got benefitted under these camps.
- A total number of 500 women got benefitted through these activity
- 98 Elderly got monthly support in the form of supplies and cash for their livelihood.
- More than 300 candidates got counseling during the year.

THE YEAR AHEAD

- Ensure that aged people from poor families will find economical support through sponsor an aged.
- Continue in our efforts to ensure that every child in our project area both whether in rural villages or urban towns who are in need for financial support for education will find an individual sponsor can access education through sponsor a child program.
- Plan to incorporate different kinds of skill development to youth and women so they can find employability with imparted training.
- Spread awareness on health seeking behaviors among the community we serve so that protects themselves from all communicable and non communicable disorders.
- Plan to focus on biodiversity, desalination and work more on environment protection measures. Given that this year we have the lowest recorded rainfall for the last six years we would like to pull up the socks and work more rigorously to save water in all ways possible.

VISITORS

- Ms Archana and team from Concern India foundation had visited Hyderabad and Karimnagar Vocational training centers for women and reviewed the program.
- Donors- Mr. Rambabu, Mr. Venkateshwar Rao, Mr. Satynarayana, Sravanthi and others visited Sahara regularly and participated in distribution programs for the aged and children. .
- Eye Care organization representatives visited Sahara
- Mr. Subba Rao and team from Deccan Development Society/ Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change visited the organization and reviewed the work done on NEAC programs

WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

- NGOs workshop on Land degradation and desertification organized by DDS/Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- Attended Bill and Melinda Gates workshop on funding opportunities for mother and child at National Institute of Nutrition (NIN).

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- Attended a workshop held at Indian Business School by CSS on Social Work
- Our staff Ms.Sajitha has attended a fund raising work shop was held on 5th Nov 2014 in Mumbai by Help your NGO.com Pvt Ltd.
- It was a great opportunity to attend the panel discussion on occasion of International Women's Day 2015 conducted by United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan, and Alliance Française at Delhi on 8th March.
- On the occasion of water day on March 23, 2015, participated in the U.S. Water Partnership for Cities to Cities Dialogues.

REVIEWS ON THE WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR 2013-14

Vocational training for young women –Tailoring:

Ms Archana Project Coordinators of Concern India has visited Sahara training center and reviewed the project at different occasions. She asked the trainees to do more practice and catch the customer by stitching perfectly. She verified the files and records of the trainees and enquired about the stitching and new designs. They asked trainees to follow the new trend in the market of clothing and dressing. During the review by Sahara secretary and Project coordinator, it was felt that long term training is becoming difficult to many of them. Instead it was suggest having short term with full day sitting at the centre. This was also taken into consideration and depending upon the convenience of the women the courses were conducted.

Training in Beautician, Computer Workplace English & Skills:

This training was organized by Sahara itself by taking contributions and adding from Sahara's general donations. These courses were reviewed by the Secretary, president and project coordinator of Sahara.

The trained candidates have got jobs or self employment by running their own parlors. It felt that we could not meet the demand of Telugu DTP and other courses as demand is increasing. Improved the communication skills of the trainees and improved the capacity building of the trainers also. It was encouraging, but the young women from poorer section notable get the training as we cannot train them fully with free of cost. Hence, we could not reach to the most deserving women under this program.

Help the Aged and Children:

Reviews were done on Support to children and adopt an aged **program** by the president, secretary and field staff. During the year 11 Adopted aged were died and we could not take more aged into list due to paucity of funds and donors. Similarly, the number of children who got sponsored has been come done. Sahara has appealed to donors to support in kind to sustain the aged and to retain dropout of girl children.

Rainwater Harvesting Unit & Grow more trees:

The secretary, staff with the in charge volunteers visited the units and seen the usages. While reviewing also involved school authorities and SHG group leaders to know the functioning and impact of the RW units. The review on Grow More Trees found that in some areas, during the summer vacation, there was a problem to water for plants in schools. It was noticed that individual sapling were taken care and growing well.

Staff Review:

Staff and Office functioning review was done by Mr. Balmukund (President), Mr. Pradeep Chandra (Vice President) and Mr. Narsing Rao (Secretary) of Sahara. Under this, staff performance, target achieved and target to be achieved was focused. They took decisions to conduct staff meeting and review the work of all projects every month. Reviewed volunteer's performance and approach to the work. It is felt to invite more volunteers to serve the organization as there is no funding for staff at this moment and to train them for proper approach in our work.

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Position of board members:

S NO	Name	Position	Occupation
1	T.N.Balamukund, B.Sc, LLB	President	Retd from Govt. Service
2	Pradeep Chandra, B.Com	Vice President	Working in Airtel
3	P. Rajeshwar Rao, B.Sc, LLB	Treasurer	Advocate
4	R. Narsing Rao, B.Sc, LLB	Secretary	Social Service
5	R. Yashwanth Rao, B. Sc.	Exe. Member	Working in insurance company
6	D. Venkatadri, B.E	Exe. Member	Lecturer in Engg. College
7	B. Bhasker, B.Sc, LL.B	Exec. Member	Working in P & T Dept

International Travel cost of Chief Functionary/board members/personnel	zero
Total cost of national travel by all personnel (incl. volunteers) & Board Members	zero
Remuneration to board members	zero
SALARY AND BENEFITS TO THE HEAD	zero
None of the board member is remunerated or reimbursed.	√

Salary and benefits: [Gross annual salary + benefits] in Rupees	Per year
Head of the organization (including honorarium)	zero
Highest paid full time staff	96000
LOWEST PAID FULL TIME STAFF	24000

Distribution of Staff according to salary levels:

Slab of gross salary (in Rs) plus benefits paid to staff	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Full time :			
Less than 5000	1	10	11
5,000 – 10,000	0	1	1
Part time staff :			
Total :	2	15	17
Volunteers	4	1	6

Organization information/legal status

Particulars	Regn No	Dated
Regd under Societies Act	3119/98	29.12.1988
80G of IT Act	F.No.DIT(E)/HYD/80G/12(08)ren/08-09	02.01.2009
12A of IT Act	F.No.HqrsI/30/12A/02-03/DIT(E)	01.10.2002
PAN	AACTS4926P	29.12.1988
Regd under FCRA	010230259	18.09.1991
Regd under Planning commission-UID	AP/2009/0017934	-

DONOR ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED DURING THE YEAR 2014-15

Concern India Foundation, Godparents, I Charity/Art Of Charity, Rotary Club Of Hyderabad, Adarsha Mahila Mandali, B.S. M. Trust, Eye Care Society, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Prashant Memorial Trust, Tata Communications, Friends Social Service Society

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SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN AGED CARE AWARENESS & SUPPORTED THE AGED:2014-15

- Akshara Vagdevi Int. School, Secunderabad
- Arohan The Complete School, Chandanagar
- Bhagya Memorial School, Chadarghat
- Brilliant Grammar School, Medchal
- C.P.S., Jillelaguda, Saroor nagar
- Diksha High School, Risala Bazaar
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- Govt. High School, Dhoolpet
- Gowtham Model School, Malakpet
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- Rainbow Concept School, Bharatnagar
- Rainbow Kids Techno School, Gangaram
- Sri Gurdatta High School, Nallakunta
- Sri Sai Grammar School, Golnaka
- St. Joseph High School, Amberpet
- SVES High School, Vidyanagar
- Swarnajali Techno School, Bharatnagar
- V. V. Upper Primary School, Jambagh
- Vasavi Public School, Himayatnagar
- Vernon School, Patancheru
- Z. P. High School, Balapur
- Z. P. High School, Karmanghat

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Foreign donations:

A/c No.0649101019518 (IFSC: CNRB0000649), Canara Bank, Narayanaguda, Hyderabad-29

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We thank all our donors, supporters, well wishers and volunteers for their continuous support and concern for the poor and needy for their sustainable development.

--- R Narsing Rao, Secretary & Chief Functionary